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Baltimore Immigration Judge Participates in Naturalization Ceremonies

BALTIMORE – Immigration Judge Lisa Dornell, from the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), Baltimore Immigration Court, delivered the keynote speech and administered the oath of citizenship during two naturalization ceremonies for approximately 150 candidates today at the George H. Fallon Federal Building.

The ceremonies were hosted by the Baltimore District Office of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

Biographical Information

Lisa Dornell was appointed as an immigration judge in April 1995. She received a bachelor of arts degree in 1983 from the University of Vermont and a juris doctorate in 1986 from the University of Texas at Austin School of Law. From 1990 to 1995, Judge Dornell served as Senior Litigation Counsel at the Office of Immigration Litigation. From 1986 to 1990, she served as a trial attorney in the New York district office of the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and then as an Assistant General Counsel at INS Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Judge Dornell lectures on immigration topics and court procedure at several local law schools. She is a member of both the Texas and District of Columbia bars.

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